

Northwest Neighborhood Association (NWNNA)
Gresham, Oregon
Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
May 17th, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Barb Adams.

Present were President Barb Adams, Vice President Bill Humbert, and Secretary Diane Wichman. There were 15 non-board members present. Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance. We took 5 minutes to review the minutes of the February 22nd meeting. Diane Wichman made a motion to approve the minutes with one minor change to read Elizabeth "Livingston", and Gloria Weitzel seconded. Minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

President Barb Adams gave the Treasurer's Report for Tammy. We have \$630.60, and had a \$15 charge for Donuts for the Adopt-A-Park work day Saturday May 1st. \$41.46 was deposited from our February meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Diane Wichman announced she had attended a few Coalition Meetings and came away with several requests for volunteers for focus groups, work shops, adopt a road. Code Enforcement has hired several temps to clean up public right of ways, and there are volunteer opportunities there as well. More volunteers are needed for Mediation, and there is training available for that. Something new is Crime Prevention thru Design, thru Code Enforcement. This is a program recently started to bring Gresham's rental housing to a higher level of safety and security design.

East Gresham Info Fair is Wednesday and is full of information and volunteer signups. There is going to be Music Mondays from 12 to 1pm in the Arts Plaza thru October. There is an online survey that City of Gresham would like neighbors to take on Downtown Parking. There will be an Urban Forestry work shop coming up May 26th. The Gresham Neighborhood Coalition issued a letter of support for a new East County Courthouse. Diane also took a Land Use 101 course in April and would highly recommend this to anyone the next time it becomes available.

Land Use Report:

Bill Humbert announced that there would be a raffle after the meeting. Then introduced the Land Use Committee. Sharon Rindt, Polly Burton, Gloria Weitzel and Debbie Williams. Land Use report to follow later.

President's Report:

Barb brought another opportunity to get involved to our attention. Tina Osterink of Urban Design and Planning with the City of Gresham has asked that we take a few minutes for the Urban Forestry survey on line that closes May 23rd. They also want 2-3 people to participate in an Urban Forestry focus group. Barb applied for City matching grant funds of \$580 for a couple of different projects. One would be a Plexiglas covered message board, and the other would be two banners to advertise our picnic in the park.

Barb Adams introduced Kathy Todd as the new Adopt-a-Park Chairman and Kat gave a brief talk about Bella Vista Park and what is happening there. The park clean up was a big success and we finished all the bark dust in record time with several new people attending. The southern end of the park path will

be finished when weather permits. The center north/south path will not be replaced. There will be a new drinking fountain and replaced backboards for the basket ball court. They are working on getting an old table that is setting at main city park that needs refinishing. When the weather gets better for working on it we will be able to bring it over, and have another picnic table in Bella Vista. They will be doing a lot more digging on the west side of the park so lights and a missing bench will probably be a while.

Diane explained the difference in the red lined bylaws copies and just the black print bylaws. Sharon Rindt asked that we make a change on the first page and ad "membership should be open to any person of legal voting age" and it was so noted. Another suggestion was to remove "officer" from Article V Section 7 and replace with "Board Member". Beth McCallum asked about where it stated the minimum number of membership meetings that would be held. The bylaws state in one area there will b three membership meetings and in another area that there will be one Annual Meeting, a total of four. Since Tammy was not present to address questions regarding the bylaws, Bob Rindt moved that adoption of the bylaws be tabled until the next general meeting or have a special meeting for this purpose. Motion passed with no opposed.

Land Use Report:

Bill Humbert introduced Polly Burton who gave a brief presentation on what has been happening with American Properties Development regarding Division & Wallula. Land Use Committee worked to keep the number of units down, the height down, and traffic down. Finally if APD didn't budge, then we wouldn't support the zone change. Negotiations went longer than anticipated and with the new multi-unit design standards ready to vote in, APD would need to redesign the development. The property is up for sale. APD says they will enter into no deed restrictions with their new design. The Land Use Committee is asking that the neighborhood association not support the zone change. Polly asked that members be at the City Council meeting backing up the Land Use Committee. Beth McCallum made a motion that the NWNALUC support the LUC in recommending that the Council deny the zone change for APD. Bob Rindt seconded. There were no opposed. Motion carried.

Land Use Committee has it's own email address: NWNALUC@gmail.com

Neighborhood Concerns:

Beth McCallum brought up the need for speed bumps on NW 15th from Wallula west. Gloria Weitzel brought up barking dogs and another coyote sighting. A brief discussion ensued regarding these issues. * secretary's note...send another reminder to not leave dog or cat food outside. Barb announced that the picnic would be held on National Night Out, August 3rd from 6-8 ish. We need volunteers to help out, also face painters, games, donations for raffle, etc. Our next meeting will be September 20th. This will be our Annual Meeting with election of officers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm, after which Bill drew raffle tickets and we shared refreshments

Respectfully Submitted,



Diane Wichman, Secretary
Northwest Neighborhood Association